

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

The present invention provides a rubber composition for a tire tread comprising 100 parts by weight of a rubber component containing at least 5% by weight of natural rubber graft-copolymerized with an organic compound having an unsaturated bond and/or epoxidized natural rubber, and 5 to 150 parts by weight of carbon black and/or silica with a nitrogen-absorbing specific surface are of 100 to 300m<sup>2</sup>/g.